Sullivan Select Board
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025

Selectmen: Norman Bamford, Gregory Ring , and Erin Shanahan
Town Manager: Ray Weintraub, Town Clerk: Yvette Grindle
Audience: Don Snoke, John Keenan, Mike Hoskins, Candy Eaton, Barbara Raymond, Derek Connors, Alice Cockerham HCPC, and Joel Smith(Via Zoom).

The Meeting was called to Order by Norman Bamford with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Erin Shanahan moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting Norman Bamford seconded the motion, and it passed 2/0.

Treasurers Warrant

Norman Bamford moved to approve the Treasures Warrant. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Adjustments to the agenda

No adjustments made.

New Business:

Casella Waste (Roadside pick-up)

Unable to connect via Zoom.

Sealed Bids

Norman Bamford opened the bids for sand delivery. There were 3 bids,
T.R. Construction $32,000
Harold McQuinn $39,000
Cashley Builders $50,000

Norman Bamford moved to accept T.R. Construction bid for sand deliver at the cost of $32,000. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Norman Bamford opened the bids for tree trimming of 4 roads (Thorn Road, Grange Hall Road, Harbor View Drive, and Morancy Road).

1. Pigeon Hill Tractor Steuben $28,500
2. P.C. Earth Works Hermon $8448.38
3. Cashley Builders Sullivan $28,000
4. Hawk Tree Service Phippsburg $117,000
5. Harvey Jordon Waltham $24,900

Gregory Ring suggested meeting with P. C. to make sure he understands the scope of the work.

Norman Bamford moved to meet with P.C. Earthworks to make sure he understands the scope of the work if not then to go with Harvey Jordon out of Waltham instead to do the tree trimming on the 4 roads specified. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Liquor License Renewal Flanders Bay BBQ LLC

After reviewing the application and a brief discussion.

Norman Bamford moved to approve the beer only liquor license for Flanders Bay BBQ. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Roadwork Discussion

Gregory Ring noted that the Town's roads are improving from the seasonal frost heaves and bumps. He noted that Upper Tunk Lake road needs repairs desperately, Taunton Drive is due for paving. The Posted weight limit signs can be taken down on the Town owned roads at any time.

There was a general discussion about the need to have a plan for the upkeep of the Town roads. Don Snokes suggested that a Road Task Force group be formed to prioritize which road projects.

John Keenan suggested an aggressive 5 yr plan to get the roads all in good repair. This comes at a higher cost in the short term. Barbara Raymond expressed her concerns about the water draining off into her driveway and basement from the run off.

Gregory Ring proposed that with the work done last year on Taunton Drive and Miramar didn't need ditching these could be done this fiscal year.

Norman Bamford moved to request bids for Taunton Drive and Miramar Avenue based on the road commission's recommendations. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Norman Bamford also noted that at the next Selectboard meeting that they would like to reinstate the Infrastructure Committee.

Old Business:

No Old Business

Town Manager Reports:

The Town Manager noted that the comprehensive plan committee is wrapping up and that the plan will be submitted to the State of Maine at the end of April 2025. Alice Cockerham HCPC spoke briefly via zoom to the Selectboard and asked them to sign the Comprehensive Plan Document. She also asked if the board needed anything from HCPC. They asked for a condensed version of the Plan.

Versant Street Lights

The Town Manager was happy to report that the change over to the new LED street lights was nearing completion. In this process Versant has found 4 street lights that are currently not being billed to anyone, (see attached email). 3 are off Taunton Drive 1 appears to be on private property on Tucker Mountain Road. Versant is wondering what we want to do.

Mike Hoskins suggested that the Road Task Forces

The Town Manager will reach out to Versant and update them on the 1 light on Tucker Mountain is a privately owned. The other 3 lights that are off from Taunton Drive the Town is going to evaluate their position and if they are needed at those locations.

The Town Manager reminded the Board and audience that the Town office would be closed on April 21st for Patriots Day.

Housing Grant

The Town Manager updated the Selectboard on the Housing Grant that was awarded to Sullivan, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. He discussed the need to pick a parcel of land for sustainability if it could be developed. Such as taking a piece out of Tree Growth and create a subdivision, without having to pay the penalties for taking it out of Tree Growth.

Committees

Cannabis Committee

Derek Connors discussed that they had a meeting and the next Cannabis Committee meeting will be on May 7th at 4pm. The Town Manager noted that, Avery Varney from HCPC will be joining in on the meeting to be of assistance as needed.

Age Friendly

Candy Eaton submitted a written report. She touched on the written report focusing on the Echo Dot, the renewal of the Community Connector position via grants that was awarded. Along with other grants that has been awarded. Lastly she reminded everyone April 26th is the Earth Day Clean-up.

Budget Committee

Don Snoke discussed the need to raise the interest on unpaid taxes from 4% to 7%. The State allows up to 7.5%. He also suggested that the Members of the Budget committee sit up front at the Annual Meeting in June to help field questions and concerns. Mike Hoskins stated it was the budget committees' goal was to have a member of the Budget committee be able to explain why they suggested the budget

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Parks and Rec

Bonnie Sparks reported on the upcoming programs being subsidized by the Parks and Rec Committee. This includes CPR/AED Training, Aquatic Camp (Friends of Taunton Bay), and a Tennis Demonstration on May 30th at the Towns Tennis Courts. She also noted about the May 10th clean-up day for the recreational areas with in the Town.

There has been some discussion about a Pickle Ball Courts. This is still in the dreaming part on the parks and rec committee part. There has also been discussion collaboration with the RSU 24 Adult Ed and Schoodic Arts for All to develop some programs.

Public Comment

John Keenan brought up his concerns about a solar company that had contacted his mother over the phone and kept her on the phone for a very long time. He asked if the Town had blanket approval for permitting solar panels being installed on homes. He wanted to make sure the Town knew about this company.

Board Comment

Norman Bamford discussed the meeting that he and the Town Manager had with CCAR about the number of large trucks coming and going on Taunton Drive. It was a productive meeting overall.

Erin Shanahan noted that the Nominations for Selectboard and School Board Representative for RSU 24 had closed. She Congratulated Gregory Ring on his successful nomination and made special note that no one had turned in qualifying papers for the School Board member. This will be a write in candidates and encouraged people to reach out to people to run or campaign if they desired to run.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Norman Bamford moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records. Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Moved to Executive session 6:25p

Out of Executive session 6:49p

Executive Session Actions

Norman Bamford reported that they approved 1 abatement they also approved the renewal of a conceal carry permit.

Motion to Adjourn

Norman Bamford moved to adjourn the meeting, Erin Shanahan seconded the motion, and it passed 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Agenda
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5:00pm

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge
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Casella Waste Roadside Pick-up
Opening of Sealed Bids
Liquor License Renewal Flanders Bay BBQ LLC
Roadwork Discussion
Old Business:
Town Manager Reports:
Town Manager
Committee Reports
Public Comment
Board Comment
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Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6) (F) to discuss Confidential Records
Executive Session Actions
Motion to Adjourn

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From: KING, JILL <jill.s.king@versantpower.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:54 PM
To: townmanager@sullivanmaine.org
Subject: RE: LED street light inquiry - Town of Sullivan

Good Afternoon Ray,

We now only have one light that the town is billed for waiting on changeout to LED on Tunk Lake Rd and that should be done this week. I have moved all of the lights to one account, acct# 10179832 so going forward you should only receive the one bill for your light billing and all others have been finaled.

However, in the process of going through all of the lights in town, we have discovered 4 lights which are not being billed to anyone. In looking at their location they are all on roadways so they would be lights that should be billed to the town, if anyone. We have not updated those yet so I wanted to let you know and if you would like to keep lights at these locations then I can have them updated to LED and we will add them to the towns bill, or we can certainly just remove them if you would rather not add more lights to your billing. Locations are:

- Pole 203119 – in front of 2413 US Rte 1
- Pole 203933 at intersection of River Rd and Taunton Dr.
- Pole 203565 – Higg St.
- Pole 203275 – Robertson Ln.

The pole #'s referenced are the numbers on the bright yellow sticker on the pole. Just let me know what you would like to do. Thanks!

Jill

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From: townmanager@sullivanmaine.org <townmanager@sullivanmaine.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7:49 AM
To: KING, JILL <jill.s.king@versantpower.com>
Subject: RE: LED street light inquiry - Town of Sullivan
Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning, Jill,

Thank you so much for the update.
I hadn't really expected one and it just goes to show your dedication to excellent customer service relations.

Thanks again,

Age-Friendly Sullivan progress report to Select Board 4.15.25:

Media:

- https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/announcements/public-welcome-to-age-friendly-sullivan-meeting/article_2c06a892-041a-11f0-a625-ffd71dcb1546.html
- https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/announcements/schoodic-scenic-byway-cleanup/article_a92cda40-4ee6-49ed-8982-bb2b04b798a8.html

Budget & Donations:

- **Echo Dot donation: $1,500** *(need to develop policy)*

U Maine mailed a single set to the town office. Lori will deliver two boxes which, combined, contain 15 sets (each set contains one echo dot, a package of 4 smart plugs, and a package of six smart bulbs). I will warn you that 15 sets takes up a bit more space than you imagine.

- **Year 2 - Community Connector Pilot project: $25,000**

Following the success of Sullivan's Year One pilot project, the Governor's Cabinet on Aging, in collaboration with the University of Maine, is excited about your continued commitment to implementing a second year. The University of Maine will continue to administer the stipend for the Connector(s). You will receive $5,000 for administrative expenses associated with the pilot. We look forward to partnering with you and celebrating your achievements in Year 2.

UPCOMING TIMELINE

- **May 05 - May 16:** UMaine sends funding (please email patricia.oh@maine.edu when you receive the check).
- **September 01, 2025:** Official start of the Year 2 Pilot.
- **August 31, 2026:** Year 2 Pilot ends.
- **September 30, 2026**: Year two after-action report is due

- ***Additional grants submitted - we should hear by end of May:***

  Maine Community Foundation **$10,000**: Parks & Rec/Skatepark committee
  AARP Community Challenge **$10,000**: Parks & Rec/Gazebo improvements

Community Connector:

- ? Status - sand access policy - **DRAFT presented last SB meeting**

Website Updates:

Upcoming Activities/Events

- **Tues/Thursdays:** 10:30-11:30 Bone Builders
- **4/17/25: Echo Dot virtual training**
- **4/26/25: Earth Day** Schoodic Scenic Byway Clean-up - Minimum of 44 Volunteeers for clean-up; additional volunteers for set-up & breakdown; volunteers for morning refreshments; crockpot luncheon; sign set-up; DOT collaboration (trash bags/pickup); inventory preparation and pack-up; reorder supplies
- **5/07/25: AFS monthly meeting: Misty Gleason - Spams & Scams**
- **6/04/25: AFS monthly meeting:** ? Jody King, Life Transitions
- **Music in the Park - July 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 5:30pm-7:00pm**

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Approval of the Minutes
from the April 15, 2025
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Norman Bamford

Erin Shanahan

Gregory Ring

Attached:

- **Agenda of Selectboard 04-15-2025**
- **Versant Email**
- **Age Friendly Report**